

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a request from a web application comprising:

- receiving the request by a server object;
- generating a request object to manage processing of the request;
- forwarding the request to a handler object by ~~[[the]]~~ a request handler;
- processing the request using the handler object, wherein processing the request using the handler object comprises sequentially invoking a first interior node handler object configured to process a portion of the request to generate a first partial result, and invoking a second interior node handler object configured to generate at least one selected from the group consisting of a second partial result and a result using the first partial result, wherein the second partial result is used to generate the result; and
- storing the first and second partial result in a properties object,

wherein name collisions are avoided when the first interior node handler object modifies a name of the first partial result to associate the first partial result with said first interior node handler object and the second interior node handler object modifies a name of the second partial result to associate the second partial result with said second interior node handler object.

28. (Currently Amended) A framework for processing a request from a web application comprising:

- a request object configured to manage processing of the request;
- a handler object configured to perform the request using the request object by sequentially invoking a first interior node handler object configured to process a portion of the request to generate a first partial result, and invoking a second interior node handler object configured to generate at least one selected from the group consisting of a second partial result and a result using the first partial result, wherein the second partial result is used to generate the result; and

a server object configured to receive the request and initialize the request object and the handler object; and

a properties object configured to provide information to the server object to initialize the request object and the handler object, and configured to store the first and second partial result,

wherein name collisions are avoided when the first interior node handler object modifies a name of the first partial result to associate the first partial result with said first interior node handler object and the second interior node handler object modifies a name of the second partial result to associate the second partial result with said second interior node handler object.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the properties object is further configured to provide information to the server object, wherein the server object is configured to initialize the request object and the handler object.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
calling a response method of a second handler object in formulating the response.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the handler object obtains content from a server, and wherein the handler object extracts relevant information from the content, and reformats the content according to a template.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the handler object is called on to respond to a request embodied in the request object.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the first and the second interior node handler object exchange information via the properties object.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the first interior node handler object and the second interior node handle object are configured to modify the properties object and respond to the request based on the properties object.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
formulating a response to the request.

36. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 28, wherein the server object is configured to call an initialization method of the handler object, wherein the handler object is associated with a handler object name.

37. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 28, wherein the handler object is configured to instantiate a second handler object.

38. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 28, wherein the handler object is configured to modify the properties object to obtain a modified request object.

39. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 28, wherein the request object is configured to obtain and parse the request.

40. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 28, wherein the request object comprises information related to the request.

41. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 28, wherein the properties object comprises a name value pair.

42. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the first interior node handler object comprises configuration information defining how the first interior node handler object modifies the name of the first partial result.

43. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the second interior node handler object comprises configuration information defining how the second interior node handler object modifies the name of the second partial result.